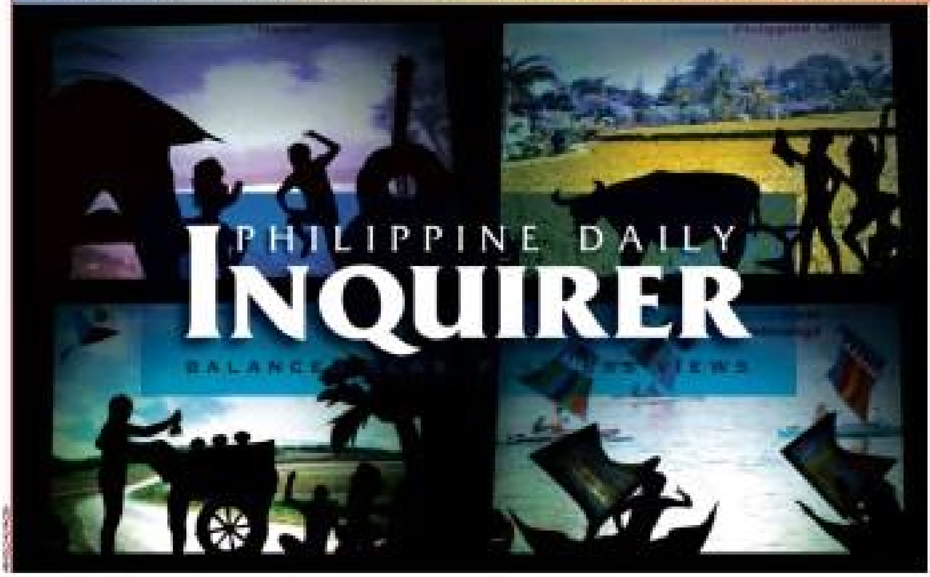
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SHOWCASE OF LIGHT AND SHADOW Members of El Gamma Penumbra present a tableau of Filipino heritage to delegates of the Asian Development Bank board of governors at a welcome cocktail party. The scenes include (from top left, clockwise) the "harana (serenade)," "araro (carabao plowing)," "vintas (Muslim sailboats)" and "sorbetes (ice cream)."

'Mayweather rant means no fight with Pacquiao ever'

(Editor's Note: This opinion article was written by Tim Dahlberg, AP national sports columnist.)

LAS VEGAS—Sorry, boxing fans. This is news you don't want to hear.

Enjoy Floyd Mayweather Jr. on Saturday night against Miguel Cotto, if you wish. But understand this: Despite the fervent hope of almost everyone in boxing, Mayweather will not be fighting Manny Pacquiao.

Not later this year. Not ever.

If I wasn't sure of it before, I'm sure of it now. Hard not to be after watching Mayweather as he went into a bizarre rant for the benefit of myself, a few other writers, and his ever present band of sycophants.

This wasn't for HBO's "24/7" cameras, though it was better than anything on the most recent episodes. It

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'Morong 43' charge GMA with torture

Health workers' case 1st criminal rap vs an ex-president

By Philip C. Tubeza

EIGHT members of the "Morong 43" yesterday charged former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and 18 others in the Department of Justice (DOJ) with torture and other human rights violations the health workers suffered when they were arrested and detained in 2010.

Edre Olalia, counsel of the health workers, said the case against Arroyo was the first criminal charge filed against a former Philippine president for human rights violations.

He noted that the human rights cases filed against the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos were civil cases.

"The complaint serves as an eloquent reminder to GMA that she will not get away with the inhumane acts that her administration fostered or tolerated,"

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GREET THE PRESS President Aquino talks about various issues with journalists during the commemoration of World Press Freedom in Malacañang. He earlier witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding on information technology research between the Department of Science and Technology and IBM Philippines at President's Hall. MALACAÑANG PHOTO

UN lauds PH climate change laws 'world's best'

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE COUNTRY'S laws on climate change adaptation (CCA) and disaster risk reduction (DRR) are the "best in the world," UN special envoy Margareta Wahlström said yesterday.

Wahlström, special DRR representative of UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, praised the Philippines for taking the lead in the global campaign to mitigate disaster risks brought about by global warming.

She commended Sen. Loren Legarda, the UN Champion for DRR and CCA for Asia and the Pacific, for ensuring the passage of climate-responsive laws and for mainstreaming the CCA and DRR mechanisms into the national political agenda.

"You do have now an excellent legal framework for disaster risk reduction and an excellent legal framework for climate adaptation. The basis [of the laws] is really for empowering local governments," Wahlström said in a press conference.

Legarda thanked Wahlström for the compliment, but told the media that the "challenge is to translate them into local com-

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Four to go: Fil-Ams rally behind Jessica to the end

By Nimfa U. Rueda
Correspondent

LOS ANGELES, California—Today, another "Idol" heads for the chopping block.

As "American Idol" season 11 nears the homestretch, Filipino-Americans continue to rally behind Filipino-Mexican Jessica Sanchez, as she sang her heart out in yesterday's episode "British Invasion" for a slot in the Fox reality singing competition's Top 4 this week.

Filipino-American followers were all praises for Sanchez, who at 16 is the competition's youngest finalist.

Performing two very different songs, Sanchez rocked it with Tina Turner's "Proud Mary" and showed her soulful side in Joe Cocker's "You Are So Beautiful," once again drawing raves from the judges and fans.

"It's like listening to an old soul," actor Bernardo Bernardo, now based in the United States,

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Dispute may derail Asian economic plan

By Michelle V. Remo

THE CONFLICT between China and the Philippines over the resource-rich Scarborough Shoal is likely to derail plans of selected Asian countries to integrate their economies by 2015, a chief economist and a social science expert from the two countries said.

Cayetano Paderanga Jr., economic planning secretary of the Philippines, said the geopolitical conflict could drive potential foreign investments away from the region.

"Yes, there may be an impact—on interest rates, on investments," Paderanga said on Wednesday evening at one of the forums of the weeklong convention of the Asian Development Bank at the Philippine International Convention Center.

On a similar note, Yu Yong Ding, a professor from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and one of China's delegates to the convention, said it was difficult to ensure stronger economic cooperation among Southeast and East Asian countries by 2015 if the Scarborough conflict would not be solved any time soon.

"My answer to that question is simple: 'Yes,'" Yu said when asked if he believed that the geopolitical conflict would affect plans of having an integrated economic community in the region three years from now.

Nonetheless, Paderanga and Yu were quick to add that Filipino and Chinese policymakers were expected to resolve the conflict sooner rather than later as they were aware of its adverse consequences.

"History shows that we [Asians] are capable of cooperation," Paderanga said. "There

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Is he or isn't he? Estrada to decide mayoral bid in 9 days

By TJ Burgonio

FORMER PRESIDENT Joseph Estrada yesterday played coy about his planned run for mayor in Manila, but his jabs at Mayor Alfredo Lim were a dead giveaway of his intention.

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'Corona SALN disclosure needs OK of SC justices'

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE DEFENSE in the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona is open to disclosing his statement of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN) as of Dec. 31, 2011, but says he needs the permission of the other members of the Supreme Court.

Ramon Esguerra, one of Corona's defense lawyers, yesterday said the permission of

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AN ESTIMATED 11.1 million Filipino households considered themselves poor in March, up from 9.1 million households in December, a recent survey by Social Weather Stations found.

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By Jocelyn R. Uy

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Cryotherapy can kill cancer cells!

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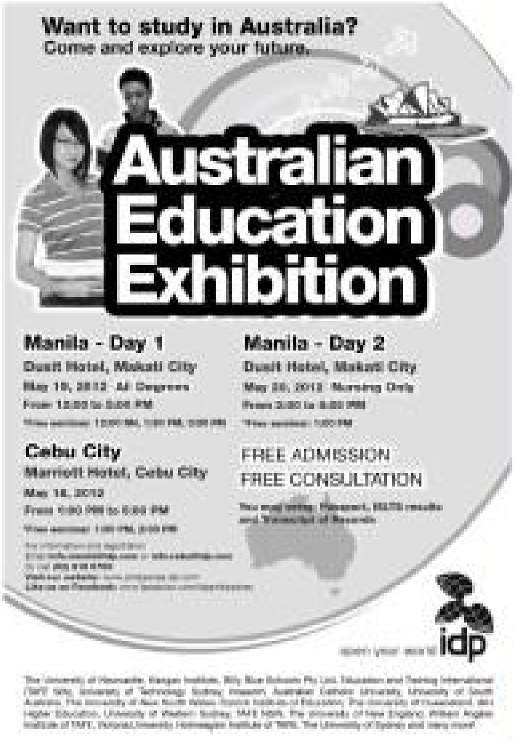
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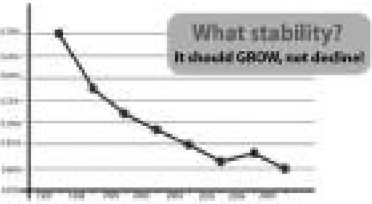
THE EMBARRASSING TRACK RECORD OF A TOBACCO MONOPOLY

In ongoing Congressional debates on Sin Tax Reform, those who wish to protect the status quo are quick with sound bites and scare tactics. **"Tobacco excise is a stable source of government revenues." "The tobacco industry is the goose that lays the golden eggs." "There is no unequal treatment between existing and new brands." "Change will hurt the farmers."** The list of baseless rhetoric goes on and on.

But will these sound bites stand up to real facts?

Question 1: Does tobacco excise revenue in the current system keep pace with what the Philippine economy needs?

Excise Tax Collection as % of GDP

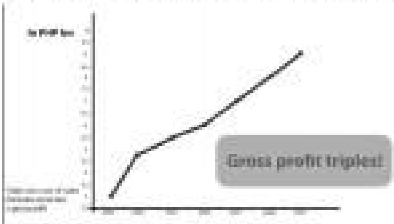


Source: World Bank Report, Phil Quarterly Update Dec 2011 Special Focus and GDP Report/BIR Report by CPI Classification, NSCB

The tobacco industry, led by the monopoly, has failed to be a good corporate citizen and KEEP PACE with the needs of the Philippine economy. At minimum, tobacco revenues should keep pace as a percentage of GDP. Ideally as in most developing economies, the percentage should GROW.

Question 2: Where did the lost revenues go?

PMPMI profits* before merger with FTC... Just imagine how much it would be after the merger!



Source: SEC, Audited Financial Statements of PMPMI Years 2003 to 2009

It's clear who benefits under the excise system. Not the Philippine Government or people. But a company that triples its gross profits in six years. Must be a record! How many Filipinos have tripled their pay in six years?

Question 3: What is the state of competitiveness in the industry today?

State of Competitiveness in the Industry



Source: PMFTC Inc. Company Profile

There is no "competitiveness" in the industry. The playing field is not level. 1996 brands are taxed lower than new brands. The system protects the monopoly and discourages new entrants.

Question 4: What are the effects of the monopoly on those who depend on tobacco as a livelihood?

The tobacco monopoly is hurting the farmers!



Source: NTA website, Tobacco Production 2009-2011 (Virginia Leaf)

Price of tobacco leaf went down drastically immediately after the emergence of the monopoly. While those favoring the status quo shed crocodile tears for the plight of tobacco farmers, it is a clever ploy since in fact the BEST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN TO TOBACCO FARMERS IS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BUYERS BY LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD.

UNDOUBTEDLY, THE TOBACCO EXCISE SYSTEM IS BROKEN -- AND IT NEEDS TO BE FIXED NOW!!!

Support the Government's push for Sin Tax Reform -- for the Philippines, for the farmers, and for fair market practices.

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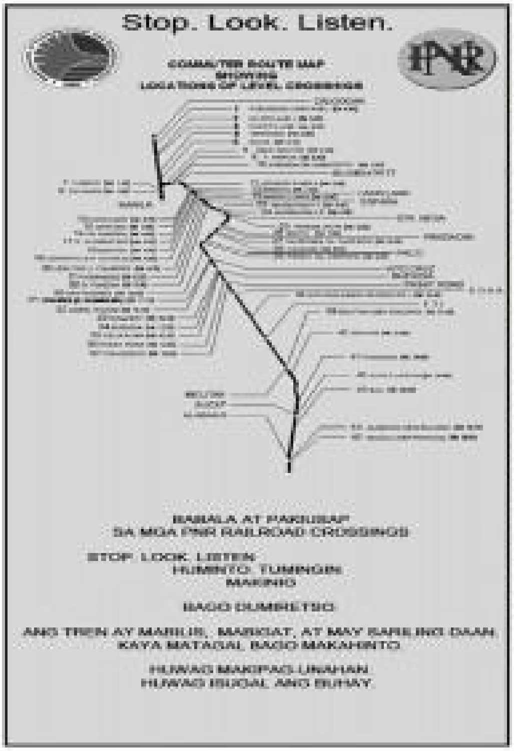
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NPAs attack Eastern Samar town police station

By Joey Gabieta, Inquirer Visayas

P-Noy insists on new ARMM voters' list

PRESIDENT Aquino yesterday stood firm on his position to invalidate the entire voters' list of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) to pave the way for massive reforms in the resource-rich but impoverished Muslim region.



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It's time to show off for this peacock in Baker's Hill, a tourist spot in Puerto Princesa City.

Widespread tree cutting prompts DENR Baguio review

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LONG queues have become a familiar scene at the Clark International Airport's immigration counters.

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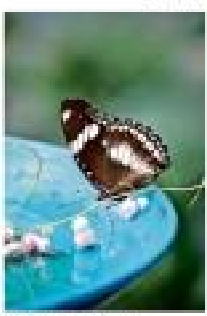
Pateros takes on Taguig, Makati

By [illegible]

WHILE the national government is busy defending its claim to Scarborough Shoal against China, a battle among three local governments is heating up for the right to call Fort Bonifacio—a rapidly growing business center east of the Makati Central Business District—their own.

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CA junks ABS-CBN petition on copyright infringement

By Philip C. Tubeza

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By Jaymee T. Gamil





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By Philip C. Tubeza



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Dissident seeks asylum, fans US-China tensions



BEIJING—Blind Chinese dissident Chen Guangcheng appealed on Thursday for asylum in the United States, throwing into doubt an agreement tried to coax him out of hiding in the US Embassy in Beijing and fanning US-China tensions at a sensitive time.



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Experts see demise of dollar as world currency

IT MAY only be a matter of time before the US dollar gets replaced as the main currency in international trade, according to economists attending the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank.

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IPVG engages Canada firm in $250-M refinery deal

By Paolo G. Montecillo

IPVG Corp. yesterday announced a potentially lucrative partnership with Canadian refining firm RBC for the construction of a mineral refinery in the Philippines.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange, listed firm IPVG said its subsidiary, New Stone Resources Ltd., had already signed a $250 million design, build and operate deal with the foreign firm.

"RBC and its partners have extensive design and construction expertise for industrial processing as well as equipment manufacturing and product trading," IPVG said.

The facility is expected to be completed in 2013.

Under the deal, RBC will also tend to the sale of most of the refined products to markets abroad "through long-term, off-take contracts," IPVG said.

In a separate disclosure, IPVG announced the resignation of its chairman Jaime Enrique Y. Gonzalez and independent director Juan Victor Hechanova.

"The vacancies in the board shall be filled up during the board meeting of the corporation scheduled until week," the disclosure read.

IPVG BLS

Robinsons Malls and Canon go Beyond Earth Hour

Robinsons Malls and Canon celebrated Earth Hour 2012 by launching a collaborative ink cartridge recycling campaign last March 31, 2012. The campaign aims to promote segregation and recycling among shoppers by providing drop-off points for their empty ink cartridges. Shoppers can drop off any ink cartridge for recycling regardless of brand. It is one of Robinsons Land Corporation and Canon's corporate social responsibility initiatives to encourage sustainable living among the shoppers and the community it serves. The event was highlighted by the signing of a commitment board by Robinsons Land Corporation, Canon Marketing Philippines and the World Wildlife Fund to work together in going beyond Earth Hour to help preserve the environment and mitigate climate change. As part of the event, shoppers were also given unlimited photo booth sessions with the Canon mascots.

The event was graced by Canon Corporate Communications Manager Margie Bernardo, Canon Director Richard Dimacali, WWF Borg of the Communications Officer Chris Ng, Robinsons Malls General Manager Arlene Magtibay and Robinsons Land Corporation Vice President for Marketing May Pineda.



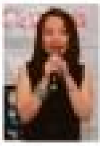
Canon Corporate Communications Manager Margie Bernardo, Canon Director Richard Dimacali, WWF Borg of the Communications Officer Chris Ng, Robinsons Malls General Manager Arlene Magtibay and Robinsons Land Corporation Vice President for Marketing and Head of Corporate Social Responsibility May Pineda pose with Canon's environment mascot, Green Bean.



Robinsons Land Corporation Vice President for Sales and Marketing and Head of Corporate Social Responsibility May Pineda signs the commitment board pledging to support the practice of segregation and recycling to help the environment.



Canon Corporate Communications Manager Margie Bernardo talks about the importance of recycling and Canon's efforts to help save the planet.



Ms. Arlene Magtibay, General Manager of Robinsons Malls, shares with the shopper how Robinsons Land Corporation helps in the conservation of the environment through various recycling initiatives.

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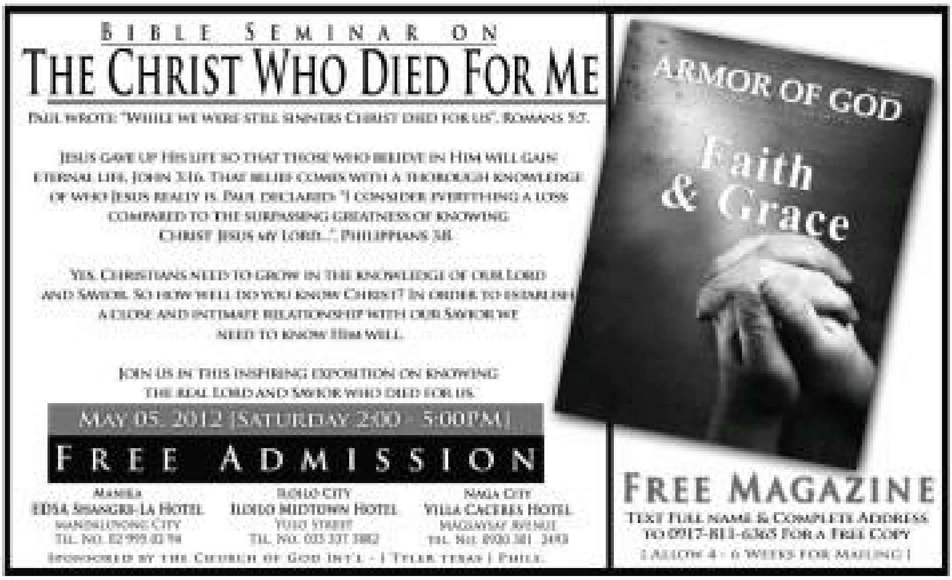


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Social enterprises make women groups viable



What about SMEs servicing the low-end market?



MARKETING Rx

Dr. Ned Roberto & Andy Roberto

Cooking up a raw food business

To grow your enterprise, find your niche





It's the IFM, stupid!

By Ernesto M. Ordoñez

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The Hu Sbin Philippine Forum for Good Foundation/Southeast Asia – Children's Heart Fund and the Child Health & Life and Development (CHILD) Foundation Inc. of the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) renewed their partnership last April [illegible]. [illegible]



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Business

Agriculture supplies firm raising funds via IPO



Quality and Safety First

RiteMed, the largest selling unbranded line of medicines in the country, sets the bar for the safety and quality standards of pharmaceutical products through its partnership with the University of Sto. Tomas Center for Drug Research Evaluation and Studies, Inc. (UST-CeDRES). UST-CeDRES is recognized by the United States Pharmacopeia as a center for excellence for drug research, evaluation and studies in the Philippines. It also has clinical research infrastructure that meets global standards for pharmaceutical clinical trials. RiteMed has a comprehensive portfolio of essential medicines that includes prescription and over-the-counter medicines. It recently launched its right-to-health advocacy with its Pito Karapatan ... campaign. Photo shows RiteMed and UST-CeDRES officers during the signing of the memorandum of understanding, namely (from l to r): Benigno H. Olondo, M.D., board director of UST-CeDRES and Director of the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine; Ricardo A. Sabel, Head of Sales and Marketing of RiteMed; William D. Torres, Ph.D., president of UST-CeDRES and former Director of the Bureau of Food and Drugs; Jose Maria A. Ochave, Senior Vice President of Unilab Laboratories, Inc. and Leonardo R. Abadilla, chairman of UST-CeDRES.

Calata Corp. to use proceeds to open 100 retail outlets

By Riza T. Olchondra

AGRICULTURAL products distributor Calata Corp. is offering shares to the public through the Philippine Stock Exchange to fund its retail and distribution expansion.

The company wants to raise P370 million and will use the proceeds to open 100 new retail stores, said Zandro Zalsora of Abacus Traders and Consulting Services Inc., Calata Corp.'s adviser for its initial public offering (IPO).

Joseph H. Calata, Calata Corp.'s chair and CEO, said in a briefing that the company grew its sales to P3 billion in 2011 from P500 million in 2008, but there is still much room for expansion.

"The 100 new stores we're putting up will barely make a dent on the demand," Calata said.

Earlier, Calata Corp. said in a statement that the PSE board approved Calata Corp.'s IPO up to 38.812 million primary shares at an offer price of up to P7.50 per share.

The PSE offering circular indicates that the pricing will be finalized on May 4, while the offer period is set from May 10 to 16.

All shares will be listed on the PSE on May 25, 30 percent of which will be owned by the public.

Based on the maximum offering price, it will have a market capitalization of up to P2.7 billion upon listing.

The expansion will allow the company to retail agricultural products directly to farmers and small dealers in the Philippines. With new stores, Calata Corp. said it can increase business coverage, establish more stable customer base, eliminate the need to engage in price wars to win sales from dealers and increase profit margins and cash flows, Calata said.

The company could also offer lower prices to farmers, thereby helping them generate savings, he said.

Calata Corp. is a combined distributor of agro-chemicals fertilizers, seeds, feeds and veterinary medicines from manufacturers and business partners like B-meg, which is owned by San Miguel Corp.

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Robin Tomas: 'Filipino upbringing, New York exposure—that's my formula'

Designing for his compatriots, says the New York-based designer, offers a 'different fulfillment'

By Cheche V. Moral

ROBIN Tomas is upbeat in a recent e-mail from New York.

"There are a lot of things lined up in Manila," he writes.

ROBIN C3







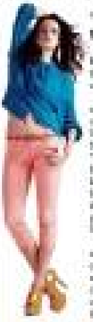


Robin Tomas: 'Filipino upbringing, New York exposure—that's my formula'











Level-up mode

Slow but steady

Classics get super-sized at Louis Vuitton's Fall/Winter show

Ingrid Chua-Go



THE BAG HAG DIARIES

The venerable line harkens back to the time of luxury travel—with porters accompanying the models





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Beauty with heart, indeed



'Look good, feel good, do good'—The Body Shop reaffirms those values with a new 'beauty movement'

Skin and body treats for Mom

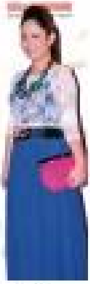


MISSONI HOME in Manila: Cristiano Magnani, designer for T&J Vestor; Edoardo Roda, T&J Vestor general manager; Century Properties first lady Hilda Rojas Antonio; Wanda Jelmini, T&J Vestor creative director; Vittorio Missoni, shareholder and managing director of Missoni Home; Marco Antonio, Century Properties managing director and Acqua Private Residences project head; and Robbie Antonio, Century Properties managing director and head for international brand collaborations

Fabulous launch for a fabulous dream project



RAMS, DL Angeles, de la Cruz, Jessi Epperson



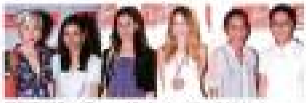
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POPULAR Iconic Celebs



RAY-BAN ambassadors: Anne Curtis (with Erwin Romulo), Maxine Magalona, Yang Constantino, Raki Domingo



PREVIEW'S David Chang and Pauline Juan; Mega Publishing's Kathleen Amante; Tatler's Sharon Joy Pagala; Mega Publishing's Sophie Moran and Said Salvador



DINO Guevarra, Alex Jose, Tracy Joson, Alessa Robinson, Michelle Calleja, Kevin Pascual, Raymond Ang, Eri Newman

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache



Photos by Alex Van Hagen powered by [illegible]

THE PRESTIGIOUS Century Properties Group, Inc. did it again with style—something they are renowned for—when they held the fabulous showroom launch of Acqua Livingstone, the fourth tower to rise at Acqua Private Residences and the first residential building in the world interior-designed by the Italian lifestyle brand Missoni Home, dahlings.

International guests of honor were elegantly (headlined) to the happening of the week in gorgeous BMW cars. Among them were Missoni shareholder and managing director Vittorio Missoni, T&J Vestor creative director Wanda Jelmini and T&J Vestor GM Edoardo Roda.

It was a jaw-dropping sight, dahlings, as we entered the showroom, which evoked Acqua's inventive residential-infused aesthetic that would be constructed in the 2.8-ha residential [illegible] in the next few years. The lobby will have a two-story-high waterfall, an outdoor space and boardwalk with tropical foliage and water streams.

One of the guests, who has homes in three European cities and is here on a short visit (she also has a sprawling mansion in an upscale subdivision in the city), was so impressed that she grabbed three units without batting an eyelash, dahlings! I know a good deal when I see one, she told me, palangga.

"Tonight we celebrate how Century Properties and Missoni Home share the same vision for Acqua and Acqua Livingstone," said Marco Antonio, Century Properties managing director and Acqua project head. "Acqua's design is nature-infused, with Missoni Home's touches of nature in each of its residences. It's the first and only residential project in the world interior-designed by Missoni Home."

For his part, Vittorio Missoni said: "We've done hotel projects before, but this is really our first design in real estate. When I met the Antonio brothers, I found them to be such fantastic people representing a fantastic company, and I knew they would represent Missoni Home in the best way through this project."

After the short program, with cocktail concoctions by Dito di Mi, a grand fireworks display celebrated the fruitful partnership of Century Properties and Missoni Home...and DJ [illegible] patiently kept the evening lively via a [illegible], palangga.

Check out www.acqua-living [illegible].com. Call [illegible] or 0917-[illegible].

Artwork shades

You're in for a crazy-cool visual treat this summer as Ray-Ban introduces a range of sunglasses that are not only fun to wear but are artworks in themselves (the La Boca Collection).

A limited Ray-Ban Prints edition inspired by the colorful houses of La Boca, Buenos Aires' most colorful and artistic neighborhoods, the shades were launched at the posh Buddha Bar recently, with revelers turning out in eye-popping outfits.

Ray-Ban proudly showed off the four limited-edition frame designs of the La Boca collection, which is under the "Ray-Ban Prints Series 6," featuring the classic Wayfarer in pop-art eye-candy color-block patterns.

The elegant venue got a healthy dose of psychedelic artistic and splashes of color, courtesy of respected local visual artists Pinpin Maniquiz and Jardi Roddon. The event kicked off the Ray-Ban Summer Road Show, which will have special offers in certain mall outlets where Ray-Ban Prints Series 1-6 are available.

Three lucky invitees will be flying La Vida Boca (dahlings), as they each went home with a pair, natch!

Fun happening

A love-[illegible] for fun-happening took place with the red-carpet dinner hosted by that woman of means and substance, Alice Eduardo, CEO of Sta. Elena Construction & Development Corp., at Sala Restaurant, to celebrate month of one of her endless energetic lifestyle.

On hand to help was her dear pal Small Laude, who went around entertaining the dinner invitees like Sen. Miguel "Migz" Zubiri and wife Audrey Tan; broadcast journalist Karen Davila; Taguig Rep. Freddie Tinga and his wife Kaye Chua; Navotas Rep. Toby Tiangco with his wife Michelle; Mons Romulo and Pepe Fernandez; and Dr. Z and Dr. Aivee Teo.

The surprise of the night came when Tatler editor Anton San Diego knocked in with the dashing British classical crossover group Blake that joined the dinner. Blake then serenaded our excited celebrants with her favorite songs. A perfect night to end the special day of the one-of-a-kind Alice Eduardo, palangga.

Spanish fashion

The well-known Spanish brand Massimo Dutti, found in over 50 countries and known for its striking women's wear, from casual styles to urban looks, held its new summer collection fashion show recently at the Massimo Dutti Greenbelt 5 boutique, palangga. The collection was inspired by sand, sun, sea and sailboats.

The women's collection, meanwhile, is inspired by icons like French star Brigitte Bardot. The "Margot" line is feminine and tailored, with a whimsical summer romance told through fabric. The "Sophia" is all about womanly wisdom, character and strength, while "Bianca" comes in white khaki and navy accompanied by summery colors: turquoise, orange, yellow and royal blue.

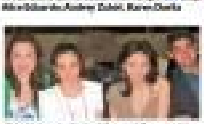
Massimo Dutti is exclusively distributed by Stores Specialists Inc., Greenbelt 5, Power Plant Mall and Shangri-La Plaza Mall.



SEN. MIGUEL "Migz" Zubiri, the celebrator, CEO of Sta. Elena Construction & Development Corp. Alice Eduardo, Audrey Zubiri, Karen Davila



MONS Romulo, Dr. Aivee Teo



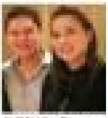
SMALL Laude, Shalani Soledad Romulo, Kay and Rep. Freddie Tinga



REP. TOBY Tiangco, Rep. Roman Romulo



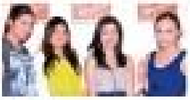
ALICE Eduardo with Blake's Ollie Baines and Jules Knight



ANTON San Diego, Michelle Tiangco



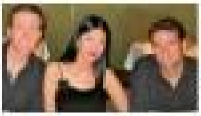
CANDY Tan-Fernandez, Ronna and Paul Robinson, Adrianne Concepcion and Nicole Andersson



MISS Kitara Inina Attentes and Miss Success Skul Magazine, Lucy Medina



MASSIMO Dutti Spring/Summer 2012 collection for men and women



BLAKE members Humphrey Berney and Stephen Bowman (far right) with Pepe Fernandez



TATA Agudo, visiting from Europe, with husband Christian Baney (far right) and Vittorio Missoni



LOVEBIRDS Andi Manzano and JP Rojas, Century Properties



MAYS Cris Albert and Marco Antonio



EDOARDO Roda, Italian Ambassador Luca Fornari



MARCO Rodriguez, the evening's host Yen Yip, Paolo Villamor



VITTORIO Missoni; Grace and Laura Rojas, Robbie Antonio, Hilda Rojas Antonio



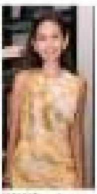
TESS Villareal, Lincoln Sunner, Charles Letra



MARCO Antonio, JM and Kat Rodriguez



FABRICE Friaco, Massimo Dutti international retail manager of Asia, and Jennifer Marie de Jesus, Stores Specialists Inc. brand manager



MAAI Francisco, Stores Specialists Inc. marketing communications manager

LIFESTYLE Fashion&Beauty

Best products for summer

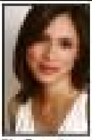


KATE Bosworth

I'VE BEEN trying to fight the summer heat by staying indoors. Then it occurred to me that instead of fighting it, I should just embrace it. After all, every weather type requires its own beauty routine.

I think this change of attitude was the start of summer for me. So I embraced the heat and started using products that are made for humidity. Here are some of them.

Knockout!



Ria Francisco-Prieto

Hair care

Since I have natural curls, my hair goes crazy when it's summer. I know when it's humid outside just by the look of my hair. I try hard to keep it straight and styled by visiting the salon, where gobs of mousse are dumped on it before a blow-dry, but most of the time this is [illegible] just a big hassle.

Humidity will affect any hair type, and the best product to have is an anti-frizz serum that coats the hair shaft with very thin layers of silicone to protect it from moisture and prevent frizz.

Try Kérastase Serum Oleo-Relax or Dove's Hair oil Serum.

Moisturizer

Set aside your foundation for now and opt for tinted moisturizer with SPF. Lighter than foundation, tinted moisturizer will hide your flaws and protect skin from the harsh rays of the sun while not making you feel sticky.



Surge tinted moisturizer

Try Clinique Moisture Surge tinted moisturizer SPF 15.

Mani-pedi

A mani-pedi is an inexpensive way to feel good while looking stylish this summer. I get mine at home for P200 and am very happy when I see my nails colored. Go for [illegible] colors or cute pastels, depending on your style. Remember to remove polish after five days and let nails rest. Also keep your own polish so you can fix little chips yourself.

Check out OPI, Essie or Chanel for amazing colors.

SPF body lotion

There are a lot more people using SPF on

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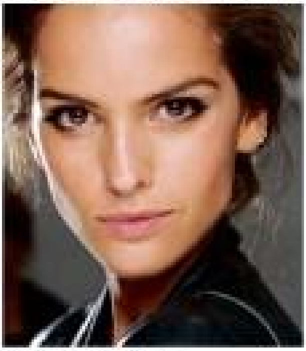
CHANEL Le Vernis

The best makeup primers for your skin

TRICKS OF THE TRADE



Kelly Misa



Henri Galayag recommends: 10 summer hair products

THIS SUMMER, pamper and protect your hair from heat, pollution, and other external aggressors that weaken your hair's natural defenses. Make everyday a good hair day. Fight dryness, frizz and other hair problems by finding the right hair care products that match your summer hair needs.









Editor's picks

These scents are perfect for the summer, light, fresh and feminine

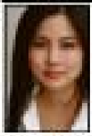






Three looks for your lashes

MAKEOVER 911



Best products for summer



Doctor—and fashion plate

DR. EILEEN MANALO exudes ageless beauty. She's always fully made-up, with glowing flawless skin, never a hair strand out of place and wearing the most amazing jewelry pieces.

PROFILER



Cai Arambulo-Antonio

Manalo definitely knows how to make a statement. She transforms the typical white doctor's lab coat into something more fashionable and stylish.

Name: Dr. Eileen Malapay Manalo

Age: 51

Profession: Obstetrician and Gynecologist

Specializations: Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, Menopause, Laparoscopy, Hysteroscopy

Did you always want to become a doctor?

Oh yes! I knew I was going to be a doctor as early as 5 years old.

Define your style.

My biggest fashion weaknesses are bags and jewelry shoes. I usually choose a jewelry piece for the day and my whole outfit has to match that particular piece.

Your beauty secrets?

1. Never expose yourself to too much sun to avoid wrinkles. Don't smoke. Minimize drinking. Stay slim and fit by exercising. As you get older, try not to lose too much weight too fast, because wrinkles start to show. Drink lots of water. Wash all traces of makeup before going to bed. Sleep. Maintain a healthy mindset and try to keep a positive outlook. Apply Retin-A nightly to help reduce wrinkles.

Your beauty regimen?

Neutrogena Mask and Retin-A.

Your favorite beauty products?

Foundation: Max Factor Lasting Performance 100 Fair

Blush: Revlon Matte Powder Blush

Lipstick: Guerlain

Eye shadow: Guerlain #4

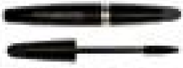
Mascara: Max Factor False Lashes Effect Waterproof Mascara

What are your thoughts on plastic/cosmetic surgery?

It should be done to enhance your features and not make you look grotesque. But if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Some of our movie stars are so beautiful already, but after having surgery they look stiff and obviously "done." I will probably need some help from my husband in a few years, but right now, we both think I don't need it yet.



DR. EILEEN Manalo



MAX FACTOR False Lash Effect Black Mascara



REVLON Matte powder blush



GUERLAIN lipstick



MANALO'S travel bracelet, which she designed herself



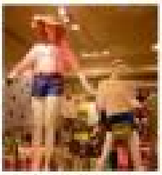
NEUTROGENA pore refining mask

SUMMERIZING AT FOREVER 21

The fashion weather forecast at Forever 21?



It's a summer of lace-stitch soft, romantic pieces done in muted hues and mixed and matched with denim and structured jackets for that unexpected twist.



Beach-bound and bold in stripes, bright colors and denim.

Sunny days, vibrations of fun and energy. All that is bright and beautiful as its latest collection heads south on the Pacific Coast Highway with a fusion of ethnic, tribal-infused pieces and enters a kaleidoscopic world with an urban mix of colors, prints and silhouettes that is all about the rhythm of the moment.

Forever 21, which has come to the Philippines through a partnership with the SM Retail Group, had a phenomenal opening of its flagship store at SM Megamall in 2010. One of the fastest growing and most successful apparel lines in the U.S. offering the latest fashion trends at the greatest value, Forever 21 continues to extend their reach in the Philippines with the opening of more stores at SM Makati in the Central Business District in early 2011, at the Northwing of SM City Cebu late last year, and most recently at the The Block Atrium of SM City North EDSA.

With a fast turn-over of inventory that reflects the ever changing moods of fashion, Forever 21 has exciting, eclectic lines - Love 21, Heritage 1981, Forever 21 Girls, Forever 21+, and 21 Men. The store also has a wide collection of Shoes, Accessories and Intimates.

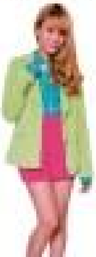
The stylish set gets more shopping fun and exclusive privileges at Forever 21 when they shop using Forever 21's most essential accessory, the Forever 21 Mastercard. Apply for the card by visiting the Forever 21 stores as well as BDO branches. The application form can also be downloaded at www.bdo.com.ph.

The fresh set can also save on more fashion ammunition as they shop with their friends with Forever 21 Gift Cards in ₱1,000 and ₱2,000 denominations. These Gift Cards are also perfect to give away to your shopping buddies on any occasion.

Forever 21 stores are located in the Second Level of SM Megamall A, Ground Floor of SM Makati in the Central Business District, the Northwing of SM City Cebu and at the Second Level, The Block Atrium of SM City North EDSA. You can also follow Forever 21 on www.facebook.com/forever21ph and www.twitter.com/forever21ph.



Head south of the Pacific Coast Highway in festive colors and interesting prints and patterns.



Celebrity Blogger/ Photographer Tricia Gosingtian radiates summer's high energy with eye-catching brights and acid hues.



Tricia makes a sweeping summer statement in tie-dyed maxi skirt paired with cropped top.

GRAB ONE NOW!



A Gift of Fashion: Forever 21 Gift Cards in denominations of ₱1,000 and ₱2,000



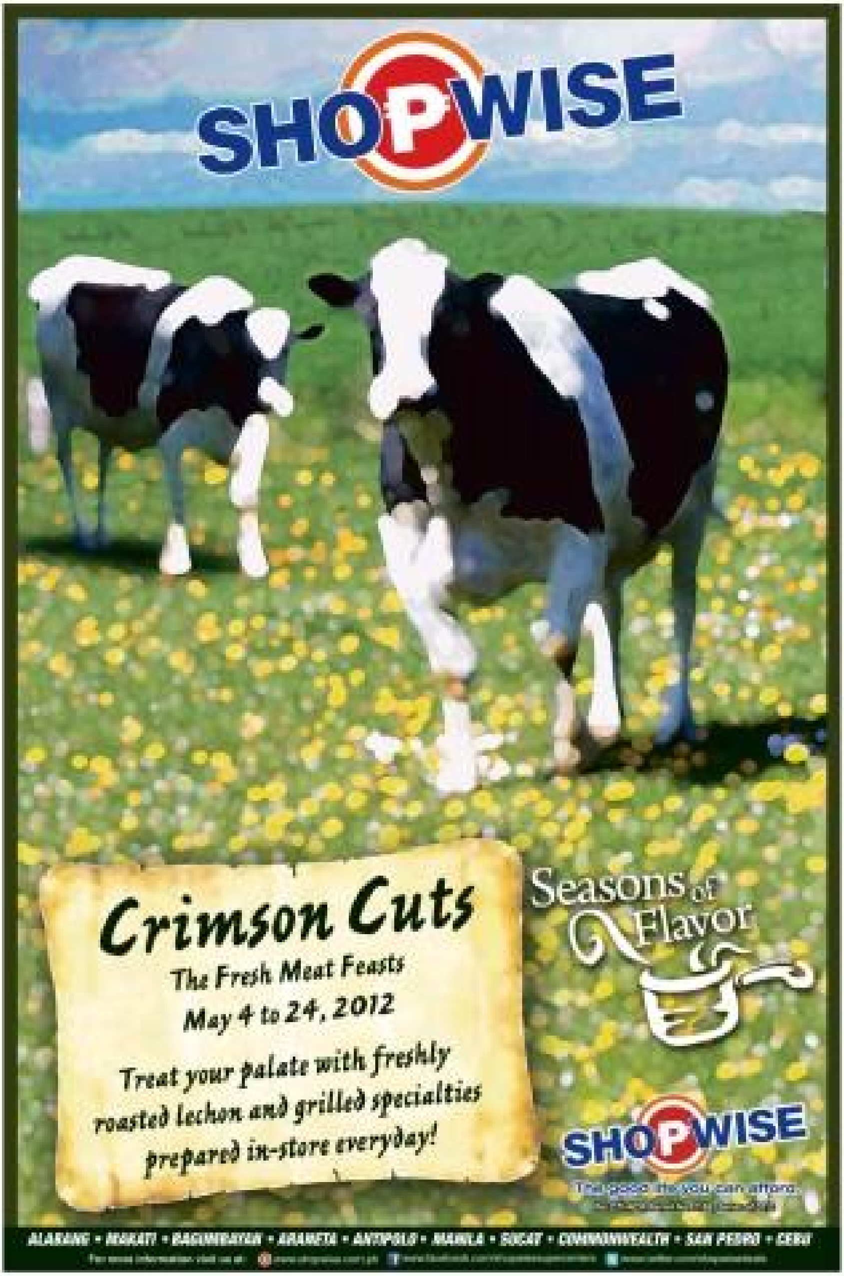
The Forever 21 Mastercard is your ultimate shopping accessory.

2bU LIFESTYLE

The light of our lives

A tribute to mothers' unconditional love

IT'S A GIVEN that mothers represent unconditional love, care and illumination. Whenever our lives become dark, cloudy and seemingly meaningless, we run to our mothers for guidance, because they've experienced most of the things we are going through, or will be going through in the future.



Swinging revival

Incorporate the '60s trend into a modern-day teen's wardrobe, from mod and minis to hippie looks



Classic androgyny







Neo-mod



Get shorty



Hippie beginnings





Building your work wear made easy

A NEW TAKE ON PREPPY

NEUTRAL TONES WITH A TOUCH OF PRINT











Princess for a day

The Korean makeup brand treats customers like royalty during the Etude House Pink Fair

"GOOD MORNING, princess!"

Free makeover

PARTICIPANTS watch a makeover guru live makeover

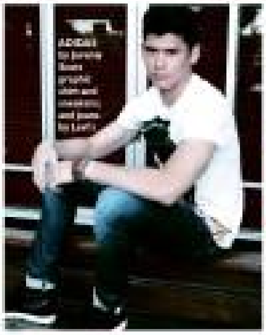


ONE of the main attractions was the "pink bug" with its long eyelashes.



The light of our lives





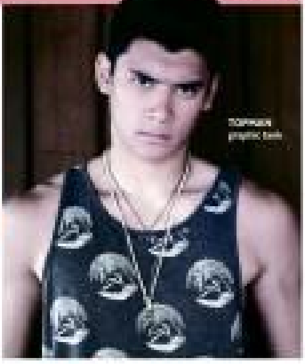
ADIDAS tie-dye graphic shirt and sneakers, and jeans by Levi's

Mad about the game

Eighteen-year-old Jao Ong is a team player

By Paul Albert Palmero
Contributor

JOHN Gabriel "Jao" de Jesus Ong, 18 and a six-footer, has made his mark in basketball (his first love) and track and field. Having spent five years playing ball, the Ateneo High School fresh graduate now has junior UAAP basketball titles under his belt.



TOPMAN graphic tank

While his stint in track only lasted for a year, he demonstrated further agility as a sprinter, thrower and jumper. And it doesn't end there—he jet skis, too.

He has had his share of injuries, which he considers frustrating. This shooting guard/small forward, who looks up to Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant, believes teamwork is vital in basketball. He believes camaraderie is always the fruitful result of interaction with teammates. "No matter what you do, you can't make it alone," he says.

He is not afraid to express himself through fashion. He shines like any sports rock star. "Fashion is one of the best forms of self-expression; you want to look good when competing," he says. And when he is in his game mode, he takes things "one at a time." And learns that success is "failure turned inside out."



"NO MATTER what you do, you can't make it alone."

Jao's favorites

Music: Hip hop, R&B, electro
Artists: [illegible], Kanye West, Lil Wayne, Drake
Movie genre: Comedy action
Actor: Adam Sandler
Actress: Amanda Seyfried
Hangouts: Home, friends' houses, basketball court
Vacation place: [illegible], Batangas
Sports events: NBA playoffs/finals, Summer Olympics (basketball), UAAP
World history event: Our country's independence

ENTERTAINMENT

Tim Burton reveals the origin of his famously dark fantasies



"MAKING movies is a much cheaper therapy for me," says Burton.

'I've had many therapists. I don't know that they helped. I had one who sat there and looked at me for an hour every day. I said goodbye'

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales

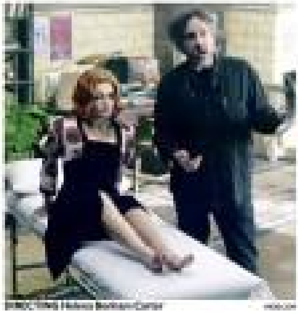


Into the macabre

India director Lav Diaz wins in Toronto fest



"FLORENTINA Hubaldo"



DIRECTING Helena Bonham Carter

US film shooting in Manila

Did You Know...



Tim Burton reveals...

Of partner Helena Bonham Carter, Burton says: "She's a bit of a Method actor [so] I see the whole process at home every time"

Character association

Partner-collaborator

Monster lover

'Teleserye' plot lines suffer from frequent detours





YOGO Singh, right, in "Makie Wakie"



PIOLO Pascual and Cristine Reyes in "Dahil sa Pag-ibig"



JULIA Montes and Coco Martin in "Walang Hanggan"

Emotional weakling

Extended flirting

Plot line lost



Willie Nep tackles 'Trial & Error'

Pioneering stand-up comic promises that both the prosecution and defense panels will be reresented in the show through witnesses that may include Pacman and Pidol



'Four the Best' repeats tonight



Jay Park in mall shows



ENTERTAINMENT

Making show biz safe for young actors

Former child stars recount experiences and agree that protection from abuse should start at home

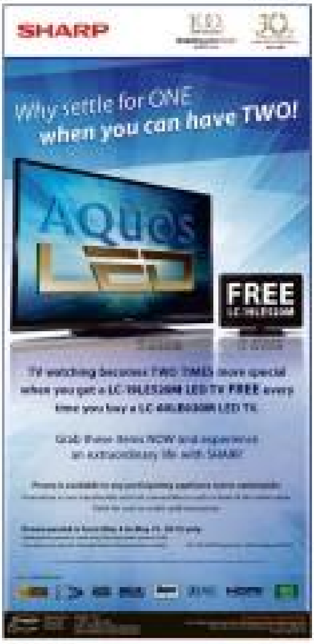


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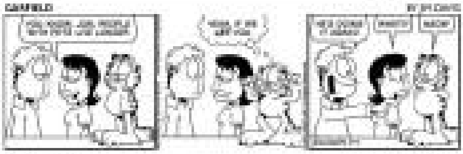
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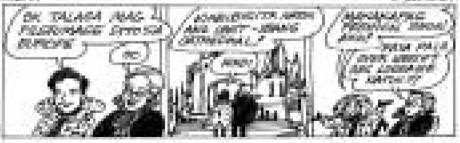




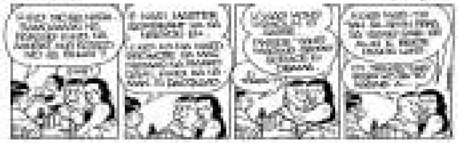


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PUGAD BABOY

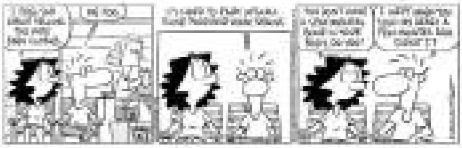


DICK TRACY





BABY BLUES

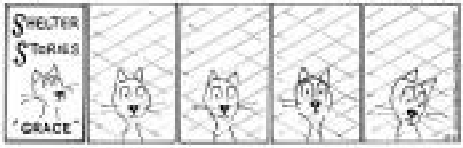




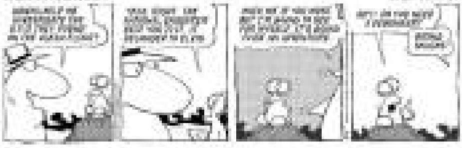
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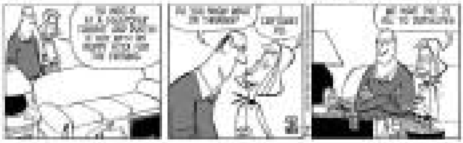
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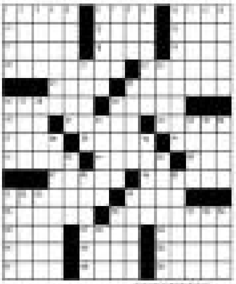
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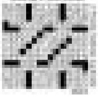
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

CROSSWORD PUZZLE





4 dropped from final 'Voice' battle next week

Did You Know...

Nerves, praises



ACTOR...



AIZA...

Making show biz safe ...

Cut-off time



Making show biz safe...











ENTERTAINMENT



Piolo fears being misquoted

Co-star Angelica Panganiban, said to have cooled it off with her hot BF, says she loves looking at Papa P's face



By Marinel R. Cruz

Hilarious situations





'Phil So Good': Paradise on earth

Frenchman's music video celebrates his love for the Philippines



Two H'wood baby girls born

CHEEK FACTOR



Star-studded cast re-enacts historic Battle of Mactan





War dance

Good alternative

The talk show is to the French as football is to Americans

CHEEK FACTOR



Serious stuff

Anyone with confidence to opine on any subject enjoys prominence on television

Iconoclasts

Unusual setting

New York Times News Service



ANGELICA Panganiban and Piolo Pascual

Piolo ...

Promise









Tawi-Tawi enchants Nora Aunor yet again

The country's Superstar returns to the silver screen with an indie film shot in Mindanao, directed by Brillante Mendoza



Little dialogue



Mindanao reality

Down-to-earth



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LOAN & MORTGAGE

Pag-IBIG FUND
(Home Development Mutual Fund)

INVITATION TO BID

REBIDDING FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS MOTOR SERVICE VEHICLES

Republic of the Philippines
PHILIPPINE RECLAMATION AUTHORITY
(Public Estates Authority)

INVITATION TO SUBMIT LETTER OF INTENT, PRE-QUALIFY AND BID FOR THE DISPOSITION OF PRA PROPERTIES

TRANSPORTATION FOR SALE

CARS

TRANSPORTATION FOR RENT

CAR LOAN

PUBLIC NOTICES

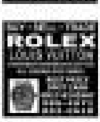
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NOTICE OF LOSS

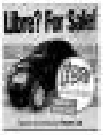
GENERAL ITEMS FOR SALE

WANTED TO BUY





EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS

Department of Social Welfare and Development

INVITATION TO BID

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
National Capital Region

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION/S FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT/S (AEP/S)

ERRATUM

DepED

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Caraga Administrative Region

INVITATION TO BID

Construction of Various School Building CY 2012 (Cluster 7-15)

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

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Republika ng Pilipinas
KAGAWARAN NG KATARUNGAN
Department of Justice
Manila

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 024

SUBJECT : UNIFORM GUIDELINES FOR PROCESSING APPLICATIONS AND REQUESTS RELATIVE TO SPECIAL NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS UNDER SECTION 47(A)(2) OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 613, AS AMENDED

DATE : April 3, 2012

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NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT (AEP)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Toshio Entani and Capt. Ferdinand C. Descallar has been elected directors of Arctic Shipping Corporation since July 11, 2008 and to serve until their successors are elected.

Road Board lighting program



OATH-TAKING OF TUCP OFFICERS.



PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL.

Best Practices in Credit Transactions

OBITUARIES

SISTER MARIA BEDA, S.Sp.S.
(Teresita Talag Gatbonton)

NOTICE OF DEATH